GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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DIFFERENCE IN FARE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines charges a higher Cargo Tariff and Passenger Fare on Kolkata-Port Blair sector than Chennai-Port Blair sector though the distance covered and the time taken is less;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government are considering any proposal for removing the disparity in fare in the two sectors?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a),(b) and (c): The distance and the basic cargo rates between Port Blair- Kolkata and Port Blair-Chennai are as follows:

Sector	Distance (in Kms.)	Cargo Rates per kg. (in Rs.)	Basic Passenger fare for economy class
Kolkata-Port Blair	912	40.35	7985
Chennai-Port Blair	944	40.85	7340

Passenger and cargo fares on Indian Airlines domestic sectors are generally based on various market factors. The market factors include seasonality, strength of Indian Airlines versus competitors, the supply and demand equation etc.